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Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are offered in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated 05/07/2003. They are respectfully submitted as a full and complete response to that Action.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the species as follows:

The species of Figure 3; and  
the species of Figure 5.

Election

Applicant elects to prosecute Claims 1-22 directed to the species of Figure 5.

Figure 3 shows that two locations in a probe card include two parallel probe needles. Figure 5 shows that two locations in a probe card include three parallel probe needles. Figure 3 is thus a subset of Figure 5, so Applicant has elected to prosecute the species of Figure 5. Claims 1-22 are not limited to two probes, but instead refer to "at least two" or to "a second" conductive probe. Thus all of claims 1-22 apply to the three probe embodiment of Figure 5, whereas some of those claims may not apply to the two probe embodiment of Figure 3.

Perhaps the Examiner intended a restriction between inventions, in which case the Examiner is invited to call Applicant to discuss such a restriction.

If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at the below listed telephone number and address.

Respectfully submitted,



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